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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

In re:	:	Case No. 23-22322-GLT
	:	Chapter 13
Ryan Michael Francis	:	
Jennifer Marie Francis	:	
<i>Debtor.</i>	:	
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Ryan Michael Francis	:	Related to Dkt. No(s). 76
<i>Movant,</i>	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
No Respondents	:	
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<i>Respondents.</i>	:	
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**ORDER**

Upon preliminary review of the Motion to Approve Nunc Pro Tunc Counsel for Debtor Ryan Michael Francis and Approve Compromise and Release Agreement [Dkt. No. 76] the Court notes several deficiencies: (a) special counsel has not submitted a statement required by Fed.R.Bankr.P. 2014; (b) the motion provides no justification for the Court to consider nunc pro tunc relief when the application was filed nearly one year after Debtor entered into a fee agreement (see, e.g. F/S Airlease II, Inc. v. Simon (In re F/S Airlease II, Inc.), 844 F.2d 99 (3d Cir. 1988); In re Young, 646 B.R. 779 (Bankr. W.D.Pa. 2022)); (c) Debtor asserts an exemption in the proceeds of the workers' compensation settlement, but it does not appear he claimed an exemption on Schedule A/B; and (d) the application fails to address why Debtor did not disclose the workers' compensation claim on Schedule A/B when it was completed and filed three weeks after his injury.

Without satisfactory answers to these issues, the Court is inclined to deny special

counsel's employment and approve the settlement with the proceeds to be transferred to the chapter 13 trustee as assets of the bankruptcy estate. To the extent the Debtor intends to submit a supplement to the application, it shall be filed no later than April 30, 2025.

Dated: April 17, 2025

  
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GREGORY L. TADDON <sup>Rob</sup> CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Case Administrator to Mail to:  
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Jennifer Marie Francis  
Richard W. Schimizzi, Esq.

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Debtors

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**Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.**

Date: Apr 19, 2025 Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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